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## ATTENTION CHEMICAL RIGHT-TO-KNOW PROGRAM

The Dow Chemical Company and its subsidiary company Hampshire Chemical Corp. produce CASRN 4316-73-8, sodium sarcosinate. The overwhelming bulk of the production of this substance is used for FDA-regulated applications, but because the product is not exclusively sold into FDA-regulated applications, the volume reported under the IUR reflects both the FDA and non-FDA regulated volumes. The volume of this CASRN used for non FDA-regulated applications is less than 50,000 lb/yr. Dow and its subsidiary company Hampshire Chemical Corp. believe this chemical does not meet the volume requirements to be considered within the HPV Challenge.

In addition, CASRN 4316-73-8 should be Exempt from the HPV Challenge for reasons described for Exemption (1) where testing using the SIDS base set would not further the understanding of the chemical's properties.

Sincerely,

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